Contribution of SSI in Total Industrial Growth

2431. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the contribution of Small Scale Industries in total industrial growth during the last three years;

(b) the performance of Small Scale Industries in terms of employment growth and export earnings during the above period; and

(c) the magnitude of sickness, so far, as Small Scale Industries are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) The contribution of small scale indutries in total industrial production for the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 is 38.98%, 38.89% and 38.54% respectively.

(b) The performance of small scale industries in terms of employment growth and export earnings is as under:—

Items	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Employment (lakh persons)	160.00	167.20	171.58
Growth in Employment (Percent)	4.84	4.50	2.62
Export Earnings (Rs. Crores)			
Export Earnings	39,249	44,437	48,979

(c) According to the latest figures released by the RBI, the extent of sickness in the SSI sector is about 10%

Formulation of Separate Policy for SSI

2432. DR. Y LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to formulate a separate policy for the small scale and tiny sector; contributing thirty-five per cent of India's export;